(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The amended Clauses as applicable to 15 companies for Unified Access Service License (UASL), National Long Distance Service License and International Long Distance Service License, stipulate that:

Any delay in payment of LICENCE Fee, or any other dues payable under the LICENCE beyond the stipulated period will attract interest at a rate which will be 2% above the Prime Lending Rate (PLR) of State Bank of India existing as on the beginning of the financial year (1st April) in respect of the licence fees pertaining to the said financial year. The interest shall be compounded monthly and a part of the month shall be reckoned as a full month for the purpose of calculation of interest.

In case, the total amount paid on the self-assessment of the LICENSEE as quarterly LICENCE Fee for the 4 (Four) quarters of the financial year, falls short by more than 10% of the payable LICENCE Fee, it shall attract a penalty of 50% of the entire amount of short payment. The amount of short payment along with the penalty shall be payable within 15 days of the date of signing the audit report on the annual accounts, failing which interest shall be further charged as per terms of condition 6.5/20.5. However, if such short payment is made good within 60 days from the last day of the financial year, no penalty shall be imposed.

The differential amount of interest and penalty cannot be termed as a revenue loss except in a hypothetical sense since, unlike license fee, interest and penalty are not regular source of revenue and the reduced rates will get attracted only if some of the licensees fail to pay their dues, that become payable for period from 01.04.2005 onwards, as prescribed.

Setting up of Electronic Software Parks

4523. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have introduced any scheme for setting up of electronic software parks for rural development; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

E-Governance projects

4524. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bhoomi e-Governance Project of Karnataka computerizing twenty million rural land records received "Stockholm Challenge Award";

(b) if so, the details of other Indian e-governance projects selected for the above award; and

(c) whether Government propose to implement the above project in other States also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) No, Sir,

(b) As per the information available on Stockholm Challenge Website (www. stockholmchallenge.se) the following three projects from India were awarded the Stockholm Challenge Award;

Project Gyandoot under the category of Public Services Democracy in the year 2000 under Information Village Research Project and TARAhaat under the Category of A Global Village in the year 2001.

(c) Department of Information Technology has promoted replication of the Bhoomi pattern in other States on a pilot basis.

Availability of BSNL pre-paid sim cards in Andhra Pradesh

4525. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister
of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state: